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December 10, 1947

The Hon. James V. Forrestal
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Forrestal:

Please accept the expression of appreciation and gratitude of The Civic League of Business and Professional Women for the very important part you played in the success of our annual "Spotlight Dinner", on December 3, 1947.

We realize that through your efforts and cooperation we had the privilege of honoring Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, a native St. Louisan. It was indeed a pleasure to have the Admiral as our honored guest, and we are deeply grateful to you for arranging his visit with us.

St. Louis is very proud of her sons and daughters who have deserved the honors recorded, and it is with pleasure that we enclose a program of the "Spotlight Dinner". It contains a review of our native son Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter.

With the Seasons best greetings, we are

Sincerely yours,

The Civic League of Business and
Professional Women

(Mrs.) Mary F. Hatfield,
Corresponding Secretary

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CC to R. Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter

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